

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been cancelled and Claim 2 has been amended in response to Examiner rejections and objections. Several amendments to the specification have been made in order to correct minor errors. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Acknowledgment was made in the Office Action of a claim for domestic priority under 35 USC §§ 120 and/or 121. However, no such priority claim was made. The application does, however, include a claim for domestic priority under 35 USC § 119(e) to provisional App. Nos. 60/183,499 (filed 02/17/2000) and 60/226,147 (filed 08/18/2000).

Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Lomashevich (US5475704). Examiner has objected to Claims 2-6 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. The rejection and objections are overcome, since rejected Claim 1 has been cancelled, and dependent Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of cancelled base Claim 1. Claims 3-6 depend from Claim 2.

Applicant acknowledges allowance of Claims 7-46.

In view of the above, it is submitted that Claims 2-6 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection and objections is respectfully requested. Allowance of Claims 2-6 and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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